

DRAFT
FALL FESTIVAL MINUTES
FEBRUARY 27, 2008

Attendance:

Eva Arnold, Ethel Maxworthy, Norma Woodman, Dick & Marion McFall, Angela McFall, Jere Crouse, John Champlin, Bill Rustin, Kris Wood, Kathy Soderberg, Mike & Margaret Palubinski, Fran & Jacque Patch, Tom Straub, Jim Brandenburg, Dan Atkinson, Rich Lefeber, Tim Huffman.
Turtle Town Board - Bill Brewer and Tim Kopp.

Call to Order:

Chairperson Jim Brandenburg brought the meeting to order at 7 PM Feb. 27, 2008.

Approval of the Agenda:

A motion was made by Eva Arnold - seconded by Marion McFall to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

Approval of the January 23, 2008 Minutes & the Amended Dec. 20, 2007 Minutes:

The amended minutes involved adding "Fran Patch made a motion to donate \$5,000 towards the restoration of the head stones - seconded by Margaret Palubinski - the motion passed unanimously via a voice vote". Both Fran and Margaret were asked if this was as they had intended by chairperson Jim B. They agreed in the affirmative. Then a motion was made by Norma Woodman to approve both the 1/23/08 minutes and the amended 12/20/07 minutes - seconded by Kris Wood - motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

Treasurer's Report:

Kris Wood reported that \$202.04 remained in the checking account with the \$5,000 designated for headstone restoration in a CD maturing in July of 2008. He Briefed the committee on the finalization of the audit by Sue Brandenburg, Deb Bennett, and Jason Rowland. A motion was made by Bill Rustin to approve the treasurer's report as presented - seconded by Jacque Patch - passed unanimously via a voice vote.

Town Board Report:

Chairperson Jim Brandenburg asked the town board members (Tim Kopp & Bill Brewer) to give a summary of the board decisions on the Memorial Day format and the \$5,000 donation to headstone restoration.

Tim Kopp reported that the board unanimously approved the tentative format for the Memorial Day program as presented by the Fall Fest Committee. He then stated that \$1,100 from last year "earmarked" for restoration has been put into a restricted line item fund by the board. He thanked the committee for their generous donation of the \$5,000 for the same project. He added that the board approved cemetery lawn cutting being done by the highway shop personnel plus a part time person for a cost of about \$4,000

versus 2007 expenditures of around \$9,000. The \$5,000 difference would then be considered by the board as matching the Fall Fest donation of \$5,000. Of course it may not work out perfectly but the idea is matching funds up to \$5,000 could be possible in 2008. If not they would consider extending the matching funds into 2009 and even 2010 budget years if necessary.

Jacque Patch then added that the cemetery committee met and Jean Swanson suggested the Fall Fest \$5,000 be directly paid out to the cemetery funds - in other words under the control of the board but "earmarked" for headstone restoration. This process would be neat and clean as far as money in and money out for accounting purposes. Jacque stated that the restoration could be completed by end of July of '08 in sync with the CD maturity date.

Bill Brewer suggested a line item of (for example) 542"A" where the board again would control the \$5,000 as a restricted use fund for the project.

Jim Brandenburg stated that the Fall Fest Committee has committed the \$5,000 to this project and this project only. If it is controlled by the board in a restricted line item (Ex. 542 "A") the present or future board, at their discretion, could take it out for unforeseen emergencies. Bill Brewer stated that he would not be in favor of taking it out for other than what it was intended for.

Mike Palubinski stated that through the discussion process he felt the distribution of funds should be tabled until at least the July Fall Fest meeting.

Fran Patch made a motion to table the distribution of the \$5,000 until the July (possibly the June) meeting and match whatever the town funds are to that point. The motion was seconded by Bill Rustin - motion passed unanimously via a voice vote.

Other Old Business:

Kris Wood made a motion to table agenda item 6c (picnic format) until the next meeting - seconded by Bill Rustin - passed unanimously by a voice vote.

Election of Board of Director for 2008:

Deb Bennett's term on the board expires and she has expressed an interest to continue as a director. A motion was made by Norma Woodman to nominate Deb Bennett as a director for another three year term - seconded by Bill Rustin. Chairperson Jim Brandenburg then asked for any other nominations. Tim Huffman moved the nominations be closed - seconded by Kris Wood - passed unanimously via a voice vote.

Directors

Sue Brandenburg - term expires end of 2009

Jason Rowland - term expires end of 2010

Deb Bennett - term expires end of 2011

Bill Rustin introduced two Clinton VFW visitors - Dennis Fargo and Roger Dearth representing the Clinton VFW and the Clinton American Legion. These two gentlemen

would like to participate in the Memorial Day program. After an interchange of phone numbers and addresses chairperson Jim Brandenburg stated as the format or program came together he would contact them for their part in the ceremonies.

Memorial Day Program

The event is scheduled for May 25, 2008 at 2 PM. Jim Brandenburg asked for volunteers to organize the days activities. Fran Patch and Dick McFall volunteered. Jim B. then outlined quickly the schedule - similar to the last several programs we sponsored. By our next meeting the agenda will be in place for further discussion as well as asking for several volunteers to sponsor certain events.

Other Business:

Margaret Palubinski read a thank you note from the Fire Department Chief Tim Huffman thanking the committee for their \$2,000 donation this year and past \$6,000 in donations for remodeling and expansion of the Fire Department building.

Jim Brandenburg mentioned that the 4th of July committee is sponsoring a Euchre party and urged people to sign up for the March 14th event. He also stated that the fire department invited Fall Fest committee members to their annual awards banquet on March 15th at 6 PM.

Jim B. also mentioned that he went back into the past seven years and stated the Fall Festival has generated \$127,380.98 in donations for Town of Turtle enhancements to the Service Center building and surroundings. We should all feel proud of this accomplishment.

Next Meeting - April 23rd at 7 PM at the Service Center.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 7:50 PM was made by Dan Atkinson - seconded by Kris Wood - passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Straub

- **A clear conscience is usually a sign of a bad memory - Steven Wright**
- **Every door that swings wide for you usually has somebody on the other side opening it - Chris Matthews.**
- **You can observe a lot by watching - Yogi Berra**
- **The trouble with trouble is, it starts out as fun - Naomi Judd**